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Executive Secretary: Maura Rossman, M.D.  
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# **HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

## **April Meeting Minutes**

**DATE:** April 26, 2016  
**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Howard County Health Department  
8930 Stanford Blvd., Columbia, MD 21045

Members Present: Robert Sheesley, Darryl Burnett, Sheri Lewis, Paul Nagy, Deborah Rivkin, Sue Song, Gary Stewart,

Members Excused: Kevin Carlson, Carlessia Hussein

Staff: Maura Rossman, Health Officer, Antigone Vickery, Deputy Health Officer, Gloria Whittington, Administrative Aide

Guest: N/A

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action/Follow-up	
Welcome and Introductions	Robert Sheesley, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.		
Approval of Minutes	Motion to accept March's minutes.	The motion to accept the March 22nd minutes was approved unanimously after a few corrections noted and made.	
Health Officer's Report	<p>Operating Budget – Level funding/Maintenance funding approved by County Executive on 4-18-16. County to build in contingent 3% cut. Our proposal to the County asked for two Environmental Health Specialist positions to be added in our Operating budget (County agreed). We asked for Behavioral Health supervisor positions, and for School -Based Health Center Staffs to be in incorporated in our operating budget.</p> <p>Tuerk House (State operates the facility with matching funds with the County paying for the building and property) Tuerk House is a Halfway house on the property of Sheppard Pratt that Howard County operates.</p> <p>Department's Fund balance at the end of Fiscal '16 should be about \$250,000. We fared well this year with our Budget.</p>	County will allow the transition of positions in School-Based Program by 2018.	
Old Business	<p>Behavioral Health Integration:</p> <p>Mental Health is recruiting for their next Executive Director. Three candidates are being interviewed in the process. Roe Bonaccorsy from our Dept. is a member of their executive board. Donna Wells is expected to retire June 2016. Funding from State level for FY'17 for Mental Health and Addiction Services will remain separate.</p>	Over the next year we will continue to integrate, Behavioral (SUD) Health and Mental Health.	

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	Behavioral Health Clinic Transition plans – in FY '17 Dept. will no longer be in Direct Care Service. To date no layoffs of Merit, Special payment employees. Staff will be reassigned within the Behavioral Health duties, allied with Mental Health unit.	Board member Sue Song suggested the Board take a closer look at the transition of Mental Health and Behavioral Health of what is best for the consumer and saving dollars prior to what is better use of tax monies with this transition. Those that are interested, with fresh ideas can take charge.	
New Business	<p><b>Transition of Healthy Howard Programs:</b>  <b>Community Care Team program</b> will transition from its current model June 30<sup>th</sup> and move to Howard County General Hospital effective July 1<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p><b>Local Health Improvement Coalition and Maryland Healthiest Businesses</b> will be transitioned to the Health Department. Hopefully HH staff will be interested in applying for State employment positions at HCHD. This program will be within the new Bureau of Health Promotion.</p> <p><b>Medical Assistance program and the Administrative Care and Coordination</b> program, have been transitioning 100% of program functions and staff to State employment. A new Program Administrator has been hired to direct these programs.</p> <p><b>Healthy Howard</b> plans to continue being a partner with us, residing in this building as the connector entity serving HC and our neighboring jurisdictions.</p> <p>HCHD distributes Zika Prevention kits to OB/GYN practices in the County to raise awareness and protect pregnant women from the mosquito-borne Zika virus.</p>	<p>Designated as a 3 yr. pilot program will be under the clinical leadership of the hospital.</p> <p>This integration will provide synergy and alignment with State health departments priorities and community needs.</p> <p>Program Administrator to start in May '16.</p> <p>Over the next several days. For more information visit HCHD websites <a href="http://www.hchealth.org">www.hchealth.org</a> The Kit was shown to Board Members</p>	
Chairperson's Report	N/A		
Adjournment	<i>There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.</i>		

**Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2016**

**Next Board of Health Meeting:**  
**Time: 6:00 p.m.**

**Place: Howard Co. Health Department**  
**8930 Stanford Blvd. 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**

